

AB 1525

Election Recounts

Fact Sheet

CURRENT LAW

Provides that a voter must submit a request for a recount in writing to the elections official responsible for conducting the election within five days following the completion of the official canvass (*Elections Code Section 15620*).

BACKGROUND

Requesting a recount is a county-by-county process whereby a voter must request, in writing, a recount within five days following the completion of the official canvass in each county where he or she would like a recount to be performed.

However, the law is not clear as to when a request must be submitted when an election encompasses multiple counties, such as an election for a congressional, state senate, or state assembly district.

The five-day window to request a recount may open at different times depending on when each individual county completes its canvass.

THIS BILL

AB 1525 would clarify and make consistent the timeline for a voter to request a recount by requiring the request to occur within five days after all counties have completed their canvas.

This will decrease voter confusion and ensure all recounts are requested in a consistent manner.

STATUS/VOTES

SUPPORT

- Secretary of State Debra Bowen (Sponsor)
- CA Assoc. of Clerks and Election Officials

OPPOSITION

- NONE ON FILE

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